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TO BE USED IN THE

Chapels of the Scotch Episcopal Church,

On Thursday the thirteenth of March 1800, being the day appointed by his Majesty's Royal Proclamation, for a PUBLIC FAST and HUMILIATION throughout that part of Great Britain called SCOTLAND.

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MORNING PRAYER.

¶ The Service shall be the same with that on Sunday, except where it is here otherwise appointed.

¶ Instead of the Venite, &c. let Psalm XLVI. be used, then the psalms for the day, being the 13th of the Month. First Lesson, Jer. XIV. Second Lesson, Rom. XIII.

¶ Instead of the first collect, let the following be used.

O Almighty Lord God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the earth, and on whose most gracious providence they depend evermore for peace, plenty and prosperity, extend thine accustomed goodness to the people of this land, who now look up to thee as their sure defence, and humbly implore the continuance of that merciful care and kindness, which they have so often experienced in all their wants and necessities. Hear us from thy holy heaven, when we thus call upon thee, in the day of our distress, and be thou graciously pleased to deliver us in thy good time from the miseries of war, and those hardships of scarcity and dearth which we now so justly suffer, for our manifold sins and iniquities. Yet, O gracious father, when we return to thee, with penitent and obedient hearts, do thou return to us with thy wonted pity and compassion, and whilst thy powerful arm is stretched out for our protection, let thy heavenly benediction be also extended to the fruits of the earth, that so the year now before us may be crowned with thy goodness, and we receiving the return of thy bounty and benefits, may use the same to the relief of those that are needy, to our own comfort, and above all to the glory of thy holy and ever blessed name, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord and only Saviour. Amen.

¶ The Litany shall be used, and after the prayer in the end of it, (We humbly beseech thee, &c.) shall the following prayer of Humiliation be added.

O Most Holy and Eternal Lord God, who dwellest in light inaccessible, to which no mortal eye can approach; thou art

a consuming fire to all disobedient and impenitent sinners, but a most tender and compassionate Father to such as truly repent and turn to thee. We thine unworthy servants, who are here assembled, with hearts deeply sensible of our own vileness, and of thy manifold and great mercies, do most humbly beseech thee to accept these our prayers and supplications, which we now offer before thee, in behalf of ourselves, and of that sinful nation to which we belong. We confess, O Lord, with sorrow and humiliation, that we are a wicked and faithless generation, a people who set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaveth not steadfastly unto thee. Thou hast shewn us wonderful things in thy goodness, O God of our salvation. Thou hast comforted our souls with the hopes of a happy immortality, and blessed us with temporal mercies in abundance, with plenty, liberty and peace. And when thou hast corrected us, and threatened us with the loss of any of these blessings, it has been like a kind and tender father, managing the rod with mercy and gentleness, and letting us see, that not our ruin, but our amendment was thereby intended. Yet under all these obligations to piety and obedience, how wicked and ungrateful has our nation been! Thy spiritual blessings, O thou Lover of Souls, we have vilified and despised, and many, too many among us have corrupted the truth, and destroyed the influence of thy glorious gospel, denying the Lord that bought them, doing despite to the Spirit of grace, trampling upon all that is sacred, and making way to the very overflowings of ungodliness. Even in the things of this world our Plenty has been abused by Riot and Intemperance, our Liberty by Lasciviousness, our Peace and Safety, by Strife, Envy and Divisions amongst ourselves. Such, O Lord, is the sad and deplorable state of this sinful nation, which we do this day unfeignedly grieve for and sincerely lament before thee, acknowledging too with the deepest sorrow, that our own sins have contributed too much to fill up the measure of these iniquities. It is of thy mercy, O God, that we are not consumed, and because thy compassions fail not. Thou hast spared us, when we deserved punishment, and shewn us afar off the power of thy avenging arm, that we may embrace thy gracious offers of Peace and Reconciliation. Be thou pleased, O merciful Father, to awaken us all to a true and deep sense of our manifold and often repeated provocations; And for thine own sake, who delightest in shewing mercy, for the sake of thy blessed Son, who came into the world to save sinners, pardon, we beseech thee, the great and crying sins of

of this whole nation, and blot out of thy remembrance those of our forefathers, as well as our own transgressions, which have so sadly increased thy severe displeasure. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and according to the multitude of thy loving kindnesses hearken to our prayers, for the sake of **HIM**, whom thou hearest always, Jesus Christ, thy beloved son, and our only mediator and advocate.—Amen.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE.

¶ *The Collect of the day, the same as in the Morning Prayer.*

¶ *The Epistle, 2. St. Peter II. ver. 9. to ver. 20.*

THE Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished; but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lusts of uncleanness, and despise government; presumptuous are they, self willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities; whereas angels which are greater in power and might, bring no railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not, and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time; spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings, while they feast with you: Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin, beguiling unstable souls. An heart they have, exercised with covetous practices; cursed children; which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, but was rebuked for his iniquity, the dumb ass, speaking with man's voice, forbade the madness of the prophet. These are wells without water; clouds that are carried with a tempest, to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness

ness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in errour. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption ; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

The Gospel, St Luke XIII. to ver. 10.

THREE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things ? I tell you, Nay : but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower of Siloam fell and slew them ; think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem ? I tell you, Nay : but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. He spake also this parable. A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard, and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold these three years I come, seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none : cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground ? and he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it ; and if it bear fruit, well ; and if not, then after that, thou shalt cut it down.

¶ After the prayer for the whole state of Christ's church, the following shall be used.

O Almighty and Everliving Lord God, thou glorious sovereign of the universe, who dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, but knowest how to punish the unthankful nations that rebel against thee, look down, we beseech thee, in merciful compassion on the inhabitants of this land, and suffer them not in any extremity to let go their dependance on thee, or to place it any where but in thee. Protect thy servant our Sovereign Lord the King, in the exercise of that power which thou hast committed to him ; let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him. Defend him from the gathering together of the froward, and from the insurrection of wicked doers ; keep him always under the shadow of thy wings, that the sons of violence may not hurt his person, nor the clamours of sedition disturb his reign. Direct and bless the counsels of his ministers, and

and grant, that being sincerely inclined to peace, they may be able to baffle the designs of that treacherous enemy, who only speaks peace with his mouth, while war is in his heart. Preserve our country from the destructive principles, as well as from the desolating power of those with whom we have to contend, and when their hearts have been softened by defeat and disappointment, and brought back through the various revolutions of their oppressive government, to the acknowledgement of thy divine power and providence, dispose them, O God, if it be thy gracious will, to desist at length from the pursuits of unjust ambition, and let the world be delivered by thy mercy from the scourge of war, and of civil insurrection. Preserve in our minds a firm and faithful dependance on thy goodness for all that we stand in need of, and whilst thou hearest our prayers for the return of peace, may it be thy good pleasure to restore to us also the blessing of plenty. Thou ordarest the seasons in thy wisdom, and hast promised the seed time, and the appointed weeks of the harvest: send us therefore, O Lord, in this time of our necessity, such a season both to sow and reap, as may be favourable to the fruits of the earth, and make the fields which shall have been sown to yield an abundant increase. But above all things keep us ever mindful of what thou hast taught us, that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth of the mouth of thee his God. Grant therefore, O heavenly Father, that while we daily pray unto thee for the perishable ~~part~~ of the present world, we may not cease to labour more earnestly, for that which endureth to everlasting life: and may these our supplications and prayers which we have offered this day at the throne of thy mercy, be graciously accepted, though not for our worthiness, yet for the sake of him who alone is worthy, Jesus Christ the righteous, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end,—Amen.

EVENING PRAYER.

¶ Instead of the Magnificat, let Psalm CXXV. be used.

First Lesson, Isaiah LVIII.

Second Lesson, St. James IV.

¶ The first collect shall be the same as in Morning Prayer.

After the third collect shall be said the Prayer, "O most holy and eternal Lord God, &c." and after the General Thanksgiving, that which begins with, "O Almighty, and everliving Lord God, &c.

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